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Writers, Poets Invited To Performance Competitions For Artquake

Literary artists from throughout the Northwest will have an opportunity to read from their works at Artquake 91 through a series of new competitions this summer.

Artquake's Literary Arts Committee will host a series of three literary arts performance competitions in June. Twelve audience-selected winners, four from each contest, then will move to a final "read-off" in July. The six winners of the final round will be offered an Artquake reader's contract and honorarium to perform at the Labor Day weekend festival.

The competition has been designed to create an opportunity for new and little-known writers, as well as published literary artists, to publicly perform and to find a larger audience for their works.

The three preliminary rounds of competition will take place at 7 p.m. on successive Sundays in different areas of the community: June 16 at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate; June 23 at Satyricon, 125 N.W. Sixth, and June 30 at Echo Theatre, 1515 S.E. 37th. Each performer will have up to seven minutes of stage time and must read his or her own original composition.

Doug Marx will serve as master of ceremonies for the contests and will make the final evaluation of audience response. A \$2 fee will admit performers and the public.

For further information on the competition and to register in advance, literary artists may call the Artquake office, (503) 227-2787.

Artquake, Oregon's largest festival of the arts will celebrate its 15th anniversary Aug. 31-Sept. 2 in downtown Portland.

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Family Fun Fair

On June 15 & 16, St. Stephen's School will be the site of a "Family Fun Fair." This is a fundraising event designed to raise funds for the school. The fair will be from 12 noon to 10 p.m. and offer refreshments including a beer garden, arts & crafts, collectibles & treasure booths. They will also be raffling a trip to Disneyland for four (2 adults & 2 children, airfare, hotel for 3 nights and 2 days, park admission & transfers).



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Urban League Holds Annual Community Dinner

The Urban League of Portland is holding its Annual Community Dinner on July 11, 1991 at the Red Lion Inn, Jantzen Beach. The event begins at 6:15 P.M. with a reception and dinner immediately following at 7:15 P.M. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at the Urban League office, 10 North Russell or by calling 280-2600. Don't forget to make your reservations early because last year's event was a sellout.

The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Lois DeBerry, Speaker Pro-Tempore of the Tennessee House of Representatives. Speaker DeBerry is an alumnus of Lemoyne-Owen College and has been a member of the Tennessee General Assembly since her graduation in 1972. Speaker DeBerry's tenure in office is characterized by her devotion to children and youth issues, education, criminal justice reform and economic development.

Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Ed Whelan, sportscaster for KOIN-TV, Channel 6. Honorary Co-Chairs for the event are Marsha Congdon, Vice president, U.S. West Communications and State Senator Jim Hill.

Two local African American high school students, one male and one female, will be awarded the Vernon V. Chatman and the E. Shelton "Shelly" Hill Scholarship Awards. These \$1,500 scholarships are granted through the Urban League and NIKE, Inc. and will be given annually to two deserving young persons. Chatman and Hill will present the scholarships to this year's winners.

The evening promises entertainment, fun and a number of opportunities to network. The theme of this year's dinner is "Voices that Care - Working for Unity." Include your voice with those who care and join us for the Urban League Annual Dinner.

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